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THE BOROUGH OF BRIDPORT.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1953.



I am, your obedient servant,

H. B. B.

Medical Officer of Health.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Held at the City of New York

1900

Public Health Office,
32, South Street,
BRIDPORT,
Dorset.

July, 1954.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
of the Borough of Bridport.

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough for the year 1953.

The health of the community has on the whole been good. There were no serious outbreaks of Infectious Diseases and it is noteworthy that no case of Diphtheria has been notified in the last twelve years mainly due to the high percentage of immunised children. There was one death from Tuberculosis and this rate compares favourably with that of the rest of the country.

I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and consideration extended to me by members of the Council and for the co-operation of my colleagues on the Council staff, especially Mr. Armstrong, the Sanitary Inspector.

I am your obedient servant,

A. Armit.

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health.....	Adam Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.....	Robert N. Armstrong, M.I.Mun.E., M.R.S.I..
Veterinary Surgeon. (Part-time).....	K. Marshall, M.R.C.V.S..
Clerk to the Medical Officer.....	Miss B.E. Lawrence.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres.	701.3.
Registrar General's estimate of population	6,397.
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at end of 1953).	..	1,990,
Rateable Value	£49,246,
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£195.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total Births,	40	40	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	38	38	resident population - 12.51 Crude.
Illegitimate.	2	2	13.14 Corrected.
			Comparability Factor- 1.05.
<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total Still Births.-	2		Still Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	-	2	resident population - 0.31.
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age.</u>			
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total.	2	-	Death Rate all Infants per 1,000 notified
Legitimate.	2	-	Births. - 25.
<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.</u>			
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total.	2	-	Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks per 1,000
Legitimate.	2	-	notified births - 25.
<u>Deaths from Puerperal Causes.....Nil.</u>			
<u>Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still Births.....Nil.</u>			
<u>Deaths at all ages and from all Causes.</u>			
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
	51	78	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident
			population - 20.17 Crude.
			- 15.13 Corrected.
			Comparability Factor- 0.75.

Note. Comparability Factor.

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the Populations of the various districts and its use enables us to obtain standardised birth and death rates which are more fairly comparable and more accurate than the crude rates.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Registrar General's Official Returns.

	Males.		Females.		Total.
	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	1-3 Qrts.	4 Qrt.	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	-	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	-	1	2	1	4
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1	1	-	-	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	-	1	1
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	2	2
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	6	1	4	3	14
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	-	-	-	-
16. Diabetes.	-	-	1	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	3	2	7	4	16
18. Coronary disease, angina.	9	2	5	-	16
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	-	-	-	-	-
20. Other heart disease.	5	5	25	5	40
21. Other circulatory disease.	-	-	-	-	-
22. Influenza.	1	-	-	-	1
23. Pneumonia.	3	-	4	1	8
24. Bronchitis.	-	-	2	-	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	-	-	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	1	-	-	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea.	-	-	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	1	-	1	-	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	1	-	-	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations.	-	-	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	2	2	8	1	13
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	1	-	1	-	2
34. All other accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
35. Suicide.	2	-	-	-	2
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	36.	15.	60.	18.	129.

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1938	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Population.....	5732	6003	6263	6574	5948	6045	6081	6271	6379	6397
Rateable Value.....	£41366	£43927	£44318	£44718	£44388	£46131	£47181	£48167	£49096	£49246
Estimated Produce of Penny Rate.....	£162	£176	£178	£176	£181	£180	£190	£190	£192	£195
BIRTHS.										
Live Births.....	67	86	107	124	104	97	99	101	100	80
Legitimate.....	66	75	101	118	99	92	94	96	95	76
Illegitimate.....	1	11	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	4
Still Births.....	4	1	3	4	1	—	3	4	3	2
Live Birth Rate (crude).....	11.7	14.3	17.1	19.5	17.5	16.05	16.3	16.1	15.7	12.5
Live Birth Rate (corrected).....	11.7	14.3	17.1	19.5	17.5	16.05	16.3	16.1	16.5	13.1
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	15.6	16.1	19.1	20.5	17.9	16.7	15.8	15.5	15.3	15.5
DEATHS.										
Total Deaths.....	87	83	81	89	89	80	108	102	88	129
Death Rate (crude).....	11.8	13.8	12.9	14.0	15.0	13.2	17.8	16.3	13.8	20.2
Death Rate (corrected).....	11.8	13.8	12.9	14.0	15.0	10.1	13.5	12.2	10.3	15.1
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	11.6	11.4	11.5	12.0	10.8	11.7	11.6	12.5	11.3	11.4
INFANT MORTALITY.										
Deaths under 1 year.....	7	2	3	3	3	2	4	4	—	2
Infantile Death Rate.....	104.5	23.3	28.0	24.2	28.8	20.6	40.4	39.6	27.6	25
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales)...	53	46	43	41	34	32	29.8	29.6	27.6	26.8
MATERNAL MORTALITY.										
Maternal Deaths.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Maternal Mortality Rate.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.8	—	—	—
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales)	2.97	1.79	1.43	1.17	1.02	0.98	0.85	0.79	0.72	0.76

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies.

In March, 1952, the Council adopted the following proposal, "that subject to the Bridport Water Works Company giving full facilities for the valuation of the Undertaking to be made with a view to purchase, Mr. S.W. Hill, of the firm of Messrs Arthur Collins and Company be appointed as the Council's financial advisor, to prepare such valuation of the Company, and report thereon".

This Report was not received until the end of 1953, and in January 1954, the Joint Water Committee of the Bridport Borough and Bridport Rural District Councils, after consideration of the Report, unanimously resolved to recommend to their respective Councils that they should abandon any further consideration of the proposal to acquire the Bridport Water Works Company's Undertaking. The Borough Council at their February meeting agreed to adopt this resolution and to inform the various interested parties of their decision.

Approximately 140 houses take their water from outside taps.

Eight samples were taken for bacteriological analyses and they were all satisfactory.

I am very grateful to the Water Works Company's Engineer for his co-operation during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

As stated in previous Reports, the East Beach is grossly polluted with sewage from the outfall situated in the middle of this beach and through which all sewage from the Borough and parts of the adjoining Rural District empties untreated into the sea.

4,276 feet of new sewers and drains to Council houses and other works, 1,335 feet to private buildings and new work, and 450 feet to old premises, were installed during the year.

Sewer Repairs.

It was found that a substantial leakage of water from the Company's 7" main had washed out a large cavity and undermined part of the main sewer in South Street.

A serious chokeage of the sewer from Park Road close to the point where it joins the main sewer in West Allington was cleared, and a choked 4" drain in East Road was cleared with difficulty.

A Descaling Company cleared the 80 yards of 12" sewer from West Bridge to St. Michael's Lane including the syphon under the river..

Rivers.

No serious pollution occurs in the rivers Brit, Asker, and Simone, during their course through the Borough.

Public Cleansing.

2,080 loads of refuse were collected from approximately 2,730 dustbins. The Karrier refuse lorry is now just over 6 years old and is continually employed. It is manned by a driver and two men with occasional assistance from a third man. In September, agreement was reached with the owner for a 21 years' lease of 8 acres of land to be used as a refuse tip at the Brickworks, Bothenhampton. This site will take all the refuse collected in Bridport for at least 30 years. It is proposed to commence tipping in 1954 and to give facilities to the Bridport R.D.C. and builders to use the tip at a specified charge per load.

During the year, 31 tons of tins, $46\frac{1}{2}$ tons of paper, and $13\frac{1}{2}$ tons of miscellaneous salvage were salvaged and sold. The remainder of the refuse is burnt in the Destructor where four men are employed full time. The Destructor is now almost 50 years old and out of date.

Street cleaning is carried out by three full time sweepers with street orderly carts and a total of 5.67 miles are swept daily; 1 mile three times a week; 2.12 miles twice weekly and 2.91 miles once a week.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

No. of inspections for all purposes.....	856.	
No. of Informal Notices served.....	28.	Complied with 28.
No. of Statutory Notices served.....	-.	
No. of inspections of shops.....	3.	
No. of inspections of foodshops.....	60.	
No. of inspections of bakehouses.....	2.	
No. of inspections of houses.....	316.	
No. of inspections of drains.....	172.	
No. of inspections of cafes & ice cream premises....	36.	
No. of inspections of hotels and guest houses.....	3.	
No. of inspections of factories.....	49.	
Miscellaneous.....	215.	

Fouling of Footways by Dogs.

No action was taken under the Byclaws.

Eradication of Vermin.

No houses were dealt with during the year.

Petroleum, Spirit, and Carbide.

No. of licences granted during 1953.....	29.	
No. of inspections.....	35.	
No. of Informal Notices.....	13.	No. complied with.....13.

Smoke Abatement.

No action was taken under this heading.

Shops.

63 inspections were carried out.

Swimming and Bathing Pools.

There is no indoor swimming bath. Bathing takes place in the sea and in the river mouth, which is dammed back for Water Polo and other aquatic sports.

Rodent Control.

A full-time Rodent Officer is employed for six months from October to March. Using the block control system he estimates that approximately 200 - 250 rats were destroyed, the poison used being "Warfarin".

Pet Animals Act. 1951.

No. of licences issued.....1. No. of inspections..... 1.

Camping Sites.

Apart from a few sites with a single caravan on each, the main site is at West Bay and is owned by the Council who employ a full-time supervisor during the camping season. Water is supplied to various stand-pipes, near which are concrete septic tanks for reception of foul water. These tanks are emptied by a tank emptier. There are water closets, hot and cold showers, and facilities for gas cooking. A daily collection of refuse is made during August, and three times a week during the rest of the season which lasts from April to the end of September. No caravans are allowed to remain on the site after the 30th. September. Additional roads were constructed during the year.

There were accommodated during the season, 9,417 persons, with 517 caravans, 768 cars, 1,009 tents, 265 motor cycles. 138 beds and 94 chairs were loaned out to the campers.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

There is no slaughter house used in the area, as all the slaughtering for West Dorset takes place at a slaughter house in the Bridport Rural District. The Borough shares the cost of payment along with the other three West Dorset Authorities for the services of a Veterinary Surgeon who is responsible for the inspection of carcasses on every day that slaughtering takes place.

Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors at the end of 1953.....7.
Distributors of milk residing within the Borough.....3.
Distributors of milk residing outside the Borough but
retailing within the Borough.....4.
No. of premises registered as a Dairy not being a Dairy farm.....3.
No. of Milk Shops inspected.....3. No. of inspections.....6.
No. of Notices served.....Nil.

Milk Sampling.

437 samples were taken for analyses, with the following results:-

Result.	Pasteurised.	T.T.	Non-Designated.	Total.
Passed.	411	5	12	428
Failed.	4	-	5	9

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

It was not necessary to invoke these regulations during the year.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register for the :-

(a) Manufacture of Ice Cream.....	2.
(b) Storage and sale of Ice Cream.....	40.
No. of Ice Cream premises inspected.....	24.
No. of inspections.....	24.
No. of Informal Notices.....	Nil.

24 samples were taken for analyses, and of these, 16 were in Grade 1; 7 in Grade 2; and 1 in Grade 3.

Food Premises by type.

Ice Cream and fruit drinks.....	1.
" " general grocery and provisions.....	21.
" " Cafe, Snack Bar, & Dairy.....	3.
" " Cafe, & Snack Bar.....	8.
" " Cakeshop & confectionery.....	1.
" " and confectionery.....	3.
" " Fishmonger and Greengrocer.....	1.
" " and Newsagent.....	1.
" " Greengrocer and general provisions.....	1.
Butchers and meat shops.....	6.
Cake and confectionery.....	5.
Bakehouses and shops.....	4.
General grocery and provision shops.....	11.
Cafes and Restaurants.....	4.
Greengrocers.....	4.
Fishmonger and Greengrocer.....	1.
Fish and Chip shops with Restaurants.....	4.

Food Premises Registered.

For sale or storage of Ice Cream.....	40.
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale.....	6.
Dairies registered under Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949....	3.

Condemned Food.

During the year, the following foodstuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption.

Beef.....	970 lbs.	Vegetables.....	143 tins.
Bacon.....	34 "	Fish.....	22 "
Pork.....	6 "	Jam.....	6 "
Flour.....	8 "	Soup.....	11 "
Sweets.....	19 "	Milk.....	78 "
Coconut Ice.....	70 "	Fruit.....	503 "
Pears.....	13 boxes	Sultana cakes.....	13 "
Apples.....	2 "	Meat various.....	203 "
Shredded Wheat.....	8 pkts.	Fruit pudding.....	1 tin.

Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act. 1938.

No Statutory action was found to be necessary under the above Byelaws.

Clean Food Campaign.

No action was taken under this heading.

HOUSING.

During the year, 43 families were re-housed in new houses or flats, 28 by the Council, and 15 by Private Enterprise. The demand for houses remains as great as in the previous year, there being approximately 200 on the waiting list. The time has now arrived when consideration should be given by the Council to a housing Survey, so that the future housing programme can be linked up with the re-housing of families from Clearance Areas, and individual unfit houses, as well as additional houses for the aged.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. inspected for housing defects....35. No. of inspections.....57.
No. found in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as
to be unfit for human habitation.....Nil.
No. rendered fit after Informal Action by Local Authority..... 24.

Action Under Statutory Powers.

Public Health Act, No. of Statutory Notices served.....Nil.

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9.10. and 16.

No. of Statutory Notices served.....Nil.

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 and 12.

No. of Demolition Orders made.....Nil.
No. of Closing Orders.....Nil.

Re-housing.

No. of premises converted into flats by Private Enterprise..... 3.
No. of new houses completed by :-
(a) Local Authority..... 28.
(b) Other Bodies..... 12.
No. of families in new houses..... 43.
No. of persons in new houses (approx.).....168.
No. of new houses in course of construction by :-
(a) Local Authority.....28)..... 40.
(b) Other Bodies.....12)

Post War Houses.

Completed by Local Authority :- Houses.....190).....258.
Flats..... 68)
Completed by Other Bodies :- Houses..... 74 74.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority :-
Council built houses....461).....546.
Other dwellings..... 85)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Of the 16 cases of Scarlet Fever notified, 13 occurred in the second quarter, and 11 were in the 5-9 years age group.

The 3 cases of Anterior Poliomyelitis occurred in a boy visitor aged 10 years, and 2 women residents aged 18 and 29 years respectively.

There were no cases of Food Poisoning notified.

Close co-operation is maintained between Head Teachers, the School Nurse and the Medical Officer of Health regarding the control of Infectious Diseases in schools. The following cases were notified from the schools; Whooping Cough 4, Ringworm 1, and during February approximately 50 cases of mild Influenza were notified from one school.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the County Council. When not performed by the child's own Doctor, Immunisation is given at the Child Welfare Centre. The following table shows the number of children who have been immunised up to 31.12.53.

0 - 4 years.						5 - 14 years.				
Under 1	1	2	3	4	Total 0 - 4.		5 - 9	10 - 14	Total 5 - 14	Total. 0 - 14.
7.	74.	87.	77.	84.	329.		525.	397.	922.	1251.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1953.

DISEASES.	Total.	Under 1 year.	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over.
Scarlet Fever.....	16	-	-	3	11	-	2	-	-	-
Acute Poliomylitis Paralytic.	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Pneumonia.....	10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	6
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	2
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-
Measles.....	5	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	1	-
Whooping Cough.....	39	4	6	11	15	-	-	2	-	-
Totals..	83	4	6	15	30	2	7	6	5	8

QUARTERLY NOTIFICATIONS.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Quarter.	2nd. Quarter.	3rd. Quarter.	4th. Quarter.
Scarlet Fever.....	16	1	13	1	1
Acute Poliomylitis Paralytic.	3	-	-	3	-
Pneumonia.....	10	7	1	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	-	-	-	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6	-	4	-	-
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis..	3	2	3	-	1
Measles.....	5	-	3	2	-
Whooping Cough.....	39	30	7	-	-
Totals..	83	40	28	12	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1938 - 1953.

DISEASES.	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Diphtheria.....	1	2	16	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	3	3	1	12	3	6	3	3	6	2	2	5	3	2	3	-
Scarlet Fever.....	3	4	6	11	9	10	5	3	5	11	4	9	16	2	1	16
Enteric Fever.(inc. Typhoid)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	1	-	3	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	-	7	2	-	-	5	-	2	3	2	-	1	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	7	6	3	4	4	1	-	1	1	-	1	4	2	14	5	10
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	7	8	-	7	8	2	6	5	4	8	5	-	2	6	1	6
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	2	1	-	5	2	4	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	-	3
Measles.....	Unknown	Unknown	129	91	15	17	12	185	5	2	85	3	162	45	3	5
Whooping Cough.....	Unknown	Unknown	1	74	6	2	17	23	1	36	14	21	22	25	64	39
Totals.	24	25	163	210	52	43	52	222	25	66	114	44	216	98	79	83

TUBERCULOSIS.

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases notified during 1953.</u>				<u>Deaths during 1953.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0-4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5-14	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15-24	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-34	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
35-44	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-54	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55-64	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	4	2	2	1	1	-	-	-

New Cases and Mortality.
1938 - 1953.

	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
1938.	4	3	-	2	2	1	-	-
1939.	5	3	-	1	2	1	-	-
1940.	4	3	1	1	3	1	-	1
1941.	2	3	1	4	2	3	-	1
1942.	7	3	1	1	1	2	-	1
1943.	-	3	2	2	2	3	-	1
1944.	6	2	2	-	-	1	1	-
1945.	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
1946.	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
1947.	4	4	2	1	2	-	1	-
1948.	2	3	-	1	-	2	-	1
1949.	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
1950.	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
1951.	3	3	1	1	1	-	-	-
1952.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1953.	4	2	2	1	1	-	-	-

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases on Register at end of 1952.	16	9	4	5
New cases notified during 1953.	4	2	2	1
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	1	2	-	1
Removals from District into other areas.	3	-	1	1
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	-	1	-	2
Deaths during 1953.	1	-	-	-
Total on Register at end of 1953.	17	12	5	4

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.)

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	105	44	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3	5	-	-
(111) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority - (excluding out-workers premises).	-	-	-	-
Total.	108	49	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences.					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	3	3	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	1	1	-	1	-
Total.	4	4	-	4	-

Part VIII of the Act.

OUTWORK.

(Sections 110 & 111)

Nature of Work.	Section 110.			Section 111.		
	No. of Out-workers in Aug. list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices served.	Prosecu tions.
Nets, other than wire nets.	300	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing) apparel) Making	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	301	-	-	-	-	-

BRIDPORT PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Section 1 - Staff.^x

TABLE A.

NO CHANGE.

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the M.C.H.	By the S.I.	
Foreign Ports.	14	4765	6	Nil	Nil
Coastwise.	23	6557	2	Nil	Nil
Total.	37	11322	8	Nil	Nil

Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic. { Number of passengers INWARDS - Nil.
Number of passengers OUTWARDS- Nil.

Cargo Traffic. { Principal IMPORTS - Timber.
Principal EXPORTS - Gravel.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Brest, Rotterdam, Hamina, Terneuzen, Mantyluota, Rateniemme, Cherburg, Le Havre, Gefle, Xypila.

Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic - Nil.

Section V - Water Supply.^x NO CHANGE.

Section VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.^x NO CHANGE.

Section VII - Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the district:

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital:

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service.

(3) Name of Smallpox Consultants available:

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace, and Dr. P. Hughes, of Weymouth, and Dr. C. Hollins of Dorchester.

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to : Dr. F.O. McCallum, Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, London, N.W.9.
Tel. No. - Colindale 6041.

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Section VIII - Venereal Disease. - NO CHANGE.

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious disease on ships.
TABLE D.

Category.	Disease	Number of cases during the year.		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers.	Crew.	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Section X - Observations of the occurrence of Malaria in ships - Nil.

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague. - Nil.

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

- (1) Routine inspection in ships from foreign ports is made.
- (2) Arrangements for bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents are made with the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No rats were sent during the year to the Laboratory.
- (3) The Rodent Officer could deal with small infestations.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category.	Number.
Black rats.....	Nil.
Brown rats.....	Nil.
Species not known....	Nil.
Sent for examination	Nil.
Infected with Plague	Nil.

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports - Nil.

Section XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

TABLE G.
Inspection and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.	Notices served.		Result of serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
British, 2	Nil	Nil	-
Foreign. 6	Nil	Nil	-
Total. 8	Nil	Nil	-

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Section XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens.^x - NO CHANGE.

Section XVI - Miscellaneous.^x - NO CHANGE.

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In Form Port 20, dated October, 1952, the Ministry of Health states that the information required by Sections I, V, VI, VIII, XIV, XV, and XVI, (all marked with a cross) which has been given in an earlier Report and has not since changed, need not be repeated every year. A recapitulation of all the information should be made in the Report for the years 1952 and 1955 and thereafter quinquennially. For the intermediate years, only the changes which have occurred during the year covered by the Report need be mentioned in those sections; if there is no change, "NO CHANGE" should be entered.
